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## Why our relationships fail

By Jay Tyvon

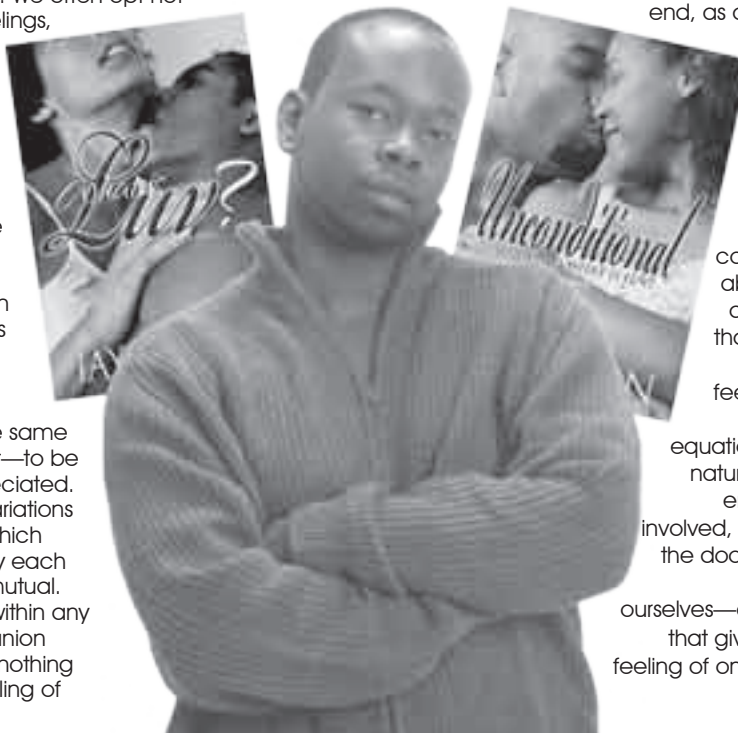
In any relationship, there are two sides to every story. And nothing reigns more true than exploring the fundamental differences between men and women. In general, when dealing with women, we come to expect an open book of complexed emotions. I think it's safe to assume that women are the better communicators of their feelings. Women will talk about their dilemmas and qualms, like a safety valve, releasing and relieving the tension that binds them. Yet with men, there's the presumption that we are less disclosing when it comes to expressing ourselves. For reasons usually unidentified, men have traditionally taken the rap for being inattentive cave dwellers, so to speak, meaning that we have the tendency to deal with life and its problems on our own. We often opt not to talk about our issues and feelings, choosing to cover and resolve them internally. And many times, during these periods of resolving, men will withdraw from the rest of the world, neglecting everything around us as we center our focus on the issue at hand. The result of these differences can lead to the growing apart and dissolution of even the best relationships as the two parties struggle to understand one another.

What men want:

Believe it or not, basically the same thing that most women want—to be loved, cherished, and appreciated. While there may be a few variations in the specific agendas to which these wants are achieved by each gender, the plight remains mutual. When all parties are happy within any given relationship, then the union prospers. For a man, there's nothing more satisfying than that feeling of

of arising issues. This lack of discussion eventually creates distance, bitterness, and resentment. As for myself, there have been times that I wanted to scream at the top of my lungs saying, "Hey, I'm here and I'm in this too," but then reality sets in—or should I say pride—and once again I'm silenced by the expectation of my role. I remember, as an attached unmarried man, going through relationship after relationship, desiring a certain level of intimacy—not exclusively pertaining to sex, yet I had no way of conveying that to my partners. I had always yearned to have that fulfilled connection with my mate, but I didn't know how—or I wasn't willing to relax my internal nature long enough to say what I really needed. And in the end, as always, I was left unsatisfied—and still lacking the basic essentials required to finding significance within the relationship, which is why I truly believe that I often strayed away to temporarily quench that incessant need elsewhere.

The simple solution, of course, is conversation—using our God-given ability to talk to one another. Yet it's an answer that's much easier said than done. This means, as men, we must learn to communicate our feelings verbally, while women must also leave assumption out of the equation—therefore doing what comes natural by engaging in discussion that encourages free expression. For all involved, expectation must be checked at the door, because if we don't do this, we usually end up shortchanging ourselves—and compromising the very thing that gives us a sense of completion: the feeling of oneness that I believe we all desire.



acceptance and worth from his mate. She's able to accomplish this by providing encouragement; her show of admiration ignites the male ego. He will subconsciously exude a natural sense of domain which ultimately delivers stability and security, the very traits that woman seek from their men. Remember, men are doers and not talkers; once he's comfortably fulfilled in his role, he, in turn, reacts positively. Both the man and the woman successfully function because of their built trust and respect for each other. Yet many times this is not the case, as couples are lulled into complacency by forgetting the very foundation which brought them together: communication.

What men get: Often frustrated, because when a man loves, he's motivated by his importance—the significance he holds in his mate's life. And if that position is challenged or ignored, then we easily lose interest—and often times seek other forms of self-gratification. Again, this happens merely because men, traditionally, are not verbal communicators; instead, we talk through our actions. Women, on the other hand, expect to be

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